



Magic Valley Region

General Fishing Season for the Magic Valley Region

All Waters Open All Year

Except as modified in the Magic Valley Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 23-26.

Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.

Daily Bag Limits for the Magic Valley Region

The following daily bag limits apply to all waters of the Magic Valley Region except as modified in Magic Valley Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 23-26. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit after the second day of the season.

Bass (largemouth and smallmouth)

- Bass limit is 6, both species combined
- None under 12 inches

Brook Trout

- Brook trout limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for brook trout

Bull Trout

- Bull trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- **No bull trout harvest is allowed**

Kokanee

- Kokanee limit is 6

Sturgeon

- Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing
- Barbless hooks and sliding sinkers are required, see Page 52 for details

Tiger Muskie

- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

Trout includes brown trout, lake trout, golden trout, Arctic grayling, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, trout hybrids, land-locked Chinook and coho salmon

- Trout limit is 6, all species combined
- In rivers and streams, only 2 of the 6 trout may be cutthroat trout

Does not include bull trout and brook trout which are listed separately

Walleye

- Walleye limit is 6

Whitefish

- Whitefish limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for whitefish

Protected Nongame Fish includes leatherside chub, Shoshone sculpin, bluehead sucker and Wood River sculpin

- May not be harvested or possessed

All Other Fish Species includes bullfrogs and crayfish

- No bag, size or possession limit

Check for potential fish consumption advisories. See Page 53.

Special Rule Waters for the Magic Valley Region (See Pages 23-26 for details)

Anderson Ranch Reservoir
Baker Lake
Bell Rapids (See Snake River)
Big Wood River
Big Wood River tributaries (upstream of Magic Reservoir)
Billingsley Creek
Boise River, South Fork (upstream of Anderson Ranch Dam)
Box Canyon Creek
Bruneau Dunes State Park
Carey Lake
Clear Lakes Grade Ponds (Empire Rapids Ponds)
Devils Corral Creek

Gunnel Reservoir (Six Mile)
Hagerman Wildlife Management Area
Jarbidge River and tributaries
Little Wood River
Magic Reservoir
Malad River
Niagara Springs Creek
Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Area
Riley Creek (see Hagerman Wildlife Management Area)
Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir
Silver Creek
Silver Creek tributaries
Snake River

South Fork Boise River (see Boise River, South Fork)
Sublett Reservoir
Sublett Reservoir tributaries
Trinity Lake
Vardis Fisher Pond
Vinyard Creek
Willow Creek (tributary to Camas Creek)

Special Rule Waters For the Magic Valley Region

See Page 22 for fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Magic Valley Region except as listed below.

Anderson Ranch Reservoir

- Kokanee limit is 25 per day

Baker Lake (an alpine lake in Blaine County)

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Bell Rapids (See Snake River)

Big Wood River

Section: From the Richfield Canal Diversion upstream to Magic Dam

- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 31 – trout limit is 6
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing

Section: From the posted boundary about 700 yards east of Hot Springs Landing upstream to Glendale Road Bridge

- December 1 through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6

Section: From Glendale Road Bridge upstream to the Highway 75 Bridge near milepost 122.2

- December 1 through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

Section: From Highway 75 Bridge near milepost 122.2 upstream to Highway 75 Bridge near milepost 136.2

- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, no bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly or lure
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing

Section: From the Highway 75 Bridge near milepost 136.2 upstream to the headwaters of the Big Wood River

- December 1 through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6

All other sections of the Big Wood River – Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Big Wood River Tributaries (upstream of Magic Reservoir)

- December 1 through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6

Billingsley Creek

Section: From old railroad grade upstream to Tupper Grade

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed

Section: From Tupper Grade upstream to Vader Grade

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limits is 6, fly-fishing only, no bait allowed

All other sections of Billingsley Creek - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Boise River, South Fork (upstream of Anderson Ranch Reservoir)

Section: From the mouth of Beaver Creek upstream to the mouth of Big Smoky Creek (see Southwest Region for information downstream from Anderson Ranch Dam)

- Trout limit is 2, none under 14 inches
- No bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly or lure

All other sections of the Boise River, South Fork above Anderson Ranch Dam - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Box Canyon Creek

- Trout limit is 2

Bruneau Dunes State Park - Electric motors only

- Bass limit is 2, none under 20 inches

Carey Lake - Electric motors only

Clear Lakes Grade Ponds (Empire Rapids Ponds)

- Trout limit is 2

Devils Corral Creek

- Trout limit is 2

Gunnel Reservoir (Six Mile)

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2

Hagerman Wildlife Management Area - No motors

Section: The four Anderson Ponds, the Bass Ponds, Goose Pond, and the West Highway Pond (Highway 30)

- November 1 through June 30 – closed to fishing
- July 1 through October 31 – Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Section: Oster Lakes, Riley Pond, and the Settling Pond

- November 1 through the last day of February – closed to fishing
- March 1 through October 31 – Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Section: Riley Creek from the Falls upstream to the State Fish Hatchery Diversion

- November 1 through the last day of February – closed to fishing
- March 1 through October 31 – Magic Valley Region general rules apply

All other sections of Riley Creek - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Jarbridge River and tributaries

- Trout limit is 2

Little Wood River

Section: From the downstream end of the Taylor “Bear Tracks” Williams State Recreation Area near Highway 93 milepost 190, to the upstream end of the Recreation Area near Highway 93 milepost 192.5, as posted

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Fly-fishing only, barbless hooks required

Section: From Baugh Creek upstream (including tributaries)

- Trout limit is 2

All other sections of the Little Wood River - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Magic Reservoir (from Magic Dam to the posted boundary about 700 yards east of Hot Springs Landing)

- Bass limit is 6, any size may be kept

Malad River

Section: From its mouth upstream to the Interstate 84 bridge at Malad Gorge

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to November 30 - trout limit is 6

Section: Malad River upstream of the Interstate 84 Bridge - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Niagara Springs Creek

Section: From the Niagara Springs Steelhead Hatchery intake pool (above the lowest fall) upstream to the spring sources as posted

- Closed to fishing

Section: Niagara Springs Creek from below the intake pool to the Snake River - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Area – except Snake River

- Trout limit is 2

Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir

- Walleye limit is 6; only one over 20 inches

Silver Creek - No motors

Section: From its mouth upstream to Highway 93 - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Section: From Highway 93 upstream to the County Road Bridge north of Picabo (See Page 26, 4 on the Silver Creek map)

- All diversion ponds have the same rules as the connected stream
- December 1 through the last day of February – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- March 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6

Section: From the County Road Bridge north of Picabo upstream to the bridge near milepost 187.2 on Highway 20 west of Picabo (See Page 26, 3 on the Silver Creek map)

- No motors
- All diversion ponds have the same rules as the connected stream
- December 1 through the last day of February – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- March 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

Section: From the bridge near milepost 187.2 on Highway 20 west of Picabo upstream to the road right-of-way fence on the west side of Kilpatrick Bridge (See Page 26, 2 on the Silver Creek map)

- No motors
- All diversion ponds have the same rules as the connected stream
- No fishing from rafts or boats; float tubes are allowed
- December 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, no bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly or lure

Section: From the road right-of-way on the west side of Kilpatrick Bridge upstream and within the Nature Conservancy (See Page 26, 1 on the Silver Creek map)

- No motors
- All diversion ponds have the same rules as the connected stream
- No fishing from rafts or boats; float tubes are allowed
- December 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, fly-fishing only, no bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly

Silver Creek tributaries

Section: All tributaries except those within the Nature Conservancy Silver Creek Preserve and posted Hayspur Fish Hatchery waters

- No motors
- All diversion ponds have the same rules as the connected stream
- December 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2

Section: All tributaries within the Nature Conservancy Silver Creek Preserve property

- No motors
- All diversion ponds have the same rules as the connected stream
- No fishing from rafts or boats; float tubes are allowed
- December 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend—closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30—trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, fly-fishing only, no bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly

Section: The posted sections of Loving and Butte creeks on Hayspur Fish Hatchery property

- No motors
- All diversion ponds have the same rules as the connected stream
- December 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing.
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30—trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches

Snake River

Section: From Lower Salmon Falls Dam (Bell Rapids area) upstream to Upper Salmon Falls Dam (0.3 miles below Owsley Bridge)

- January 1 through June 30 - bass limit is 0, catch-and-release
- July 1 through December 31 - bass limit is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

All other sections of the Snake River including reservoirs within the Magic Valley Region - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Sublett Reservoir (see also Sublett Reservoir tributaries)

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 6

Sublett Reservoir tributaries

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 2

Trinity Lakes - No motors

Vardis Fisher Pond (Billingsley Creek State Park)

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed

Vineyard Creek

- November 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through October 31 - trout limit is 2

Willow Creek (tributary to Camas Creek)

- Trout limit is 2



Did you know that Idaho Fish and Game regulates organized fishing tournaments to guarantee fish populations are protected and impacts to public access are minimized?

If you are holding an event that has

A LIVE FISH WEIGH-IN;

AWARDS OF \$1,000 OR MORE IN PRIZES

OR IS EXPECTED TO DRAW 20 OR MORE PARTICIPANTS

Then you are required to apply for a Fishing Tournament permit.

For the application and information on fees, go to:

idfg.idaho.gov/fish/tournament

Silver Creek Fishing Guide

Look for Signs!

1. Fly fishing only. Catch-and-release. No fishing from raft or boat.
★ Sign in at the Nature Conservancy Preserve headquarters before accessing their property.
2. Catch-and-release. No bait allowed. No fishing from raft or boat.
3. Two trout limit. All trout 12 - 16 inches must be released. Bait allowed.
4. Six fish allowed.

See Pages 24-25 for detailed locations and complete listing of exceptions.

All tributaries **except** within the Nature Conservancy and Hayspur Hatchery grounds: 2 trout limit.

